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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 42-470 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2009*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section, "person" means any individual,
4 firm, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability company,
5 organization or other entity, but does not include the state or any
6 political subdivision of the state, or any agency thereof.

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, on and after
8 January 1, 2005, no person shall:

9 (1) Publicly post or publicly display in any manner an individual's
10 Social Security number. For the purposes of this subdivision, "publicly
11 post" or "publicly display" means to intentionally communicate or
12 otherwise make available to the general public;

13 (2) Print an individual's Social Security number on any card
14 required for the individual to access products or services provided by

15 such person;

16 (3) Require an individual to transmit such individual's Social
17 Security number over the Internet, unless the connection is secure or
18 the Social Security number is encrypted; [or]

19 (4) Require an individual to use such individual's Social Security
20 number to access an Internet web site, unless a password or unique
21 personal identification number or other authentication device is also
22 required to access the Internet web site; or

23 (5) Require an individual to provide his or her Social Security
24 number as a condition of such individual's leasing, purchasing or
25 receipt of products, goods or services.

26 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall apply with
27 respect to group and individual health insurance policies providing
28 coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10) and
29 (12) of section 38a-469 that are delivered, issued for delivery, amended,
30 renewed or continued on and after July 1, 2005.

31 (d) This section does not prevent the collection, use or release of a
32 Social Security number as required by state or federal law or the use of
33 a Social Security number for internal verification or administrative
34 purposes.

35 (e) Any person who wilfully violates the provisions of subsection (b)
36 of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for a
37 first offense and not more than five hundred dollars for a second
38 offense, and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be
39 imprisoned not more than six months, or both, for each subsequent
40 offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2009	42-470

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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit people and businesses from requiring consumers to disclose their Social Security numbers as a condition of leasing or purchasing products, goods or services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]